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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/608,887	<b>Applicant(s)</b> STEINBERG ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> CHRISS S. YODER III	<b>Art Unit</b> 2622	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                     | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

#### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 1, 5, 8, 13, 15, 21, 23, 27, 30, 35, 37, and 43 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Each of claims 1, 5, 8, 13, 15, 21, 23, 27, 30, 35, 37, and 43 are objected to because they each include duplicate alphabetic step identifiers (e.g., "(a)", "(b)", "(c)", etc.).

- With respect to claim 1, the step identifier "(d)" is used to identify three different limitations.
- With respect to claim 5, the step identifier "(d)" is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier "(e)" is used to identify two different limitations.
- With respect to claim 8, the step identifier "(d)" is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier "(e)" is used to identify two different limitations.
- With respect to claim 13, the step identifier "(d)" is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier "(e)" is used to identify two different limitations.

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- With respect to claim 15, the step identifier “(b)” is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier “(c)” is used to identify two different limitations.
- With respect to claim 21, the step identifier “(b)” is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier “(c)” is used to identify two different limitations.
- With respect to claim 23, the step identifier “(d)” is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier “(e)” is used to identify two different limitations.
- With respect to claim 27, the step identifier “(d)” is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier “(e)” is used to identify two different limitations.
- With respect to claim 30, the step identifier “(d)” is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier “(e)” is used to identify two different limitations.
- With respect to claim 35, the step identifier “(d)” is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier “(e)” is used to identify two different limitations.
- With respect to claim 37, the step identifier “(b)” is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier “(c)” is used to identify two different limitations.

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- With respect to claim 43, the step identifier “(b)” is used to identify two different limitations, and the step identifier “(c)” is used to identify two different limitations.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-44 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

### ***Conclusion***

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm’r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISS S. YODER III whose telephone number is (571)272-7323. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8 - 4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on (571) 272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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